

Artificial Intelligence Chatbot in Education

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Abstract: AI chatbots are becoming more useful in education for both students and teachers. This paper reviews the application of AI Chatbots in education. It discusses its uses, advantages, disadvantages and effects on teaching and learning. Chatbots can help students answer questions, understand complex topics, revise lessons, get feedback, and support personalized instruction. They can also assist teachers with routine tasks and the preparation of learning materials. However, there are challenges including giving wrong information, over-reliance on AI, privacy issues, and issues of academic integrity. To summarize, AI chatbots can provide flexible and accessible learning support, but they should be used with proper guidance and human supervision. More research is needed to investigate effective and responsible uses of AI chatbots in education.

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1. INTRODUCTION

AI is a fundamental part of modern technology and is used increasingly in education. One of the major developments is the use of AI chatbots which are systems that can converse with users in natural language. AI chatbots, powered by technologies such as large language models, can answer questions, clear up misunderstandings, offer suggestions and assist users in a wide range of learning activities. Chatbots are being considered in education as a tool for students as well as teachers AI chatbots serve a multitude of purposes in educational environments. They can answer questions from students, tutor and help with homework, clarify difficult concepts, help with learning programming and languages, and give feedback in real time. They also can help teachers in designing learning materials and assessment. These applications make learning experiences more personalized and accessible

Chatbots in Education: Benefits. Chatbots provide students and teachers with quick assistance, and access to information and education resources 24/7. Students can receive learning support whenever they need it. Chatbots also create innovative learning experiences, increase student engagement, and support teachers in dealing with recurring student inquiries. However, there are also a number of concerns with regards to the use of AI chatbots

in education, for example: delivering inaccurate or biased information; invading students' privacy and/or violating their data; threatening academic integrity and/or dependence on technology; and students using chatbots for cheating, for example, plagiarism; answering and completing assignments for students.

Another important problem is the inconsistency of existing studies about the effect of AI chatbots on students. Positive effects on learning outcomes are reported in some studies, while limited or no significant effects on motivation and engagement have been found. In a recent controlled study of some 500 undergraduate students, the researchers found no statistically significant effect of a generative AI chatbot on interest, self-efficacy, engagement or academic achievement. Therefore, it is important to consider AI chatbots in education from positive and critical perspectives. This paper reviews existing studies to better understand the main applications and benefits of AI chatbots, their effects on students, challenges and ethical issues, and areas where more research is needed.

1.1 Research Objectives

The objectives of this research are:

- To examine the major applications of AI chatbots in education.
- To explore the potential benefits of AI chatbots for students and educators.
- To identify the main challenges and ethical concerns related to using AI chatbots in education.
- To review existing evidence on the impact of AI chatbots on student learning, engagement, motivation, and academic performance.

1.2 Research Questions

This research addresses the following questions:

RQ1: What are the main applications and benefits of AI chatbots in education?

RQ2: What are the main challenges and ethical concerns related to using AI chatbots in education?

RQ3: What does existing research say about the impact of AI chatbots on student learning, engagement, motivation, and academic performance?

2. Review of Literature

There is an abundance of literature focused on the application of AI chatbots in education and teaching-learning process. Okonkwo and Ade-Ibijola provided a review of chatbot usage in the context of education and highlighted the advantages, disadvantages and possible research directions associated with them.

Labadze, Grigolia and Machaidze conducted a study on the role of AI chatbots in education and came to the conclusion that they can help students with homework, studying, personalized learning and skills acquisition. The authors also discussed the problems connected with reliability, precision and ethical issues of the chatbots.

The paper by Davar, Dewan and Zhang discusses the opportunities and challenges in implementing AI chatbots in the education sector, the possible advantages and responsible use of them. There are also papers dedicated to chatbots as educational assistants and their influence on the students' learning and involvement. Thoeni and Fryer conducted a study on the usage of AI chatbots in higher education and concluded that the impact of chatbots on the student outcomes needs further investigation.

3. Methodology

The current research is a literature review type of research that will explore the application of AI chatbots in education. The research is based on existing literature on research papers as opposed to conducting surveys or interviews for gathering information.

The selected literature was analyzed in order to get insight into applications, benefits, limitations and impact of AI chatbots in the process of teaching and learning. The information gathered from the analyzed literature was categorized into various aspects including student support, personalization, teachers' support, limitations, teaching and learning impact, and future potential.

Finally, the findings from the selected literature were compared and summarized to come up with general insights about the role of AI chatbots in education. The methodology used in the research therefore involves analyzing the existing literature and highlighting the most significant benefits, limitations and future potentials of AI chatbots in education .

4. Body of Paper

4.1 Overview of AI Chatbots in Education

AI Chatbots are applications that utilize artificial intelligence to communicate with users in natural language. These applications are assistants for both students and teachers in the education process. There are a lot of educational situations where these applications can be helpful because they can provide answers and information via conversational communication.

Educational chatbots can assist students in answering questions, explanations of concepts, study help and feedback provision. In addition, they can be useful for teachers when it comes to some routine actions and preparing teaching material. There are numerous studies proving that chatbots can be used in teaching and learning process, administration and research.

The development of generative AI and large language models affected AI chatbots in education. While earlier chatbots were task-oriented, modern ones became versatile. However, there will be no positive results without response accuracy, integration with teaching and responsible use by students and teachers. To sum up, today AI chatbots are viewed as the instruments that could complement, but not substitute, traditional teaching. Modern studies are concentrated on advantages and problems of chatbot usage.

AI chatbots also make the process of learning simple for learners. This is because the chatbots will offer prompt answers, enable the learners to review the lessons, pose questions and learn concepts without necessarily having the teacher there. The use of chatbots should coincide with classroom learning where the teacher guides the learners in understanding the lessons offered by the chatbot.

4.2 Applications of AI Chatbots in Education

AI chatbots have been used in education for different teaching and learning purposes. They offer prompt assistance to students and teachers through conversation. The applications of AI chatbots include question answering, learning support, and help to teachers with educational work.

One application is related to student assistance and their doubts: Students raise questions regarding the topic and receive answers. Chatbots also assist students in preparation, practicing and studying.

AI chatbots are helpful in personalized learning as they answer questions asked by students. Thus, students can learn at their own pace and review complicated topics. Moreover, chatbots provide feedback on learning activities.

For teachers, chatbots help in preparing educational material, generating questions, explaining the concept and answering

routine questions. This will save time for teachers who then will be free to teach.

Overall, there are numerous applications of AI chatbots in education that may be useful both for students and teachers. However, they are effective only when integrated into the educational process.

4.3 Benefits of AI Chatbots in Education

AI chatbots offer several benefits to both the students and the teachers through their ability to offer assistance instantly.

Firstly, it enables instant access to information and support that is needed by the students. The students are able to ask questions and obtain responses. The chatbot can help in the independent studying of the students.

The chatbot also enables personalized learning. The students are able to ask for help where necessary and get personalized response. They can do so for revision purposes.

The chatbots are accessible to the students even outside classroom hours since they operate differently from the traditional classroom resources. As much as the students gain several benefits from the chatbots, the teacher also gains. The teachers can get automated response to some of their questions thus enabling them to focus on teaching and interaction among others.

4.4 Challenges and Limitations of AI Chatbots in Education

Despite the great value that AI chatbots can provide for the education process, there are several drawbacks associated with them. The first one is accuracy. AI chatbots can provide incorrect, incomplete, or even misleading information sometimes. That is why the students and teachers should always verify the information obtained from AI chatbots.

Overreliance on the use of AI technology can be another issue. The students might make less effort on thinking, solving problems, and comprehending concepts in case if the answers are given by AI chatbots. That is why such approach can negatively affect the independent learning of the students.

Privacy and data security are the issues to consider as well. The educational chatbots can collect some information from the students and teachers, which should be used in a responsible manner and secured.

There are also concerns about academic integrity. Students might use chatbots to perform their assignments or some other academic tasks while not having an understanding of the content. It might make assessment difficult.

Moreover, the use of AI chatbots efficiently can require the availability of appropriate equipment and Internet connection

among other things. Therefore, the use of AI chatbots should be done under appropriate supervision and with reasonable usage of the technology. In general, AI chatbots have many educational applications, yet the limitations associated with them make the human control important.

AI chatbots may not always understand the individual learning needs of every student. Students have different learning abilities, levels of understanding, and ways of learning. A chatbot usually provides general answers, which may not always be suitable for a particular student's problem or situation. Sometimes, students may also need proper explanation, encouragement, or personal guidance that a chatbot cannot provide in the same way as a teacher. Therefore, the role of teachers remains important because they can understand the difficulties faced by students and provide suitable guidance and support. This shows that AI chatbots should be used as a supporting tool in education rather than as a complete replacement for teachers.

Benefits	Challenges / Limitations
Quick access to information and support	Incorrect or misleading information
Personalized learning support	Overdependence on AI
Revision, practice and feedback	Privacy and data security concerns
Support for teachers with routine tasks	Academic integrity concerns
Flexible and accessible learning	Unequal access to technology

Table 1. Benefits and Challenges of AI Chatbots in Education

4.5 Impact of AI Chatbots on Teaching and Learning

AI-based chatbots contribute to improving not only the teaching but also the learning process through additional support beyond the conventional classroom environment. To start with, chatbots can be used to increase the interaction and flexibility in learning. Students can use them to pose questions and obtain feedback, which will allow practicing the required topic.

AI chatbots can also contribute to fostering self-directed learning among students. The use of chatbots enables exploring new topics, reviewing the material covered during previous lessons, and resolving the queries arising without a constant presence of the educator.

On behalf of the educators, AI chatbots can be employed in preparation of educational materials, question generation, and answering common queries of students. This can save some time of the teachers for the more meaningful activities .

It should be noted that the use of chatbots is highly dependent on the way they are used. Over-reliance on AI solutions can hinder the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills of students. Therefore, the role of teachers in education remains important.

In general, AI chatbots can positively influence the teaching and learning process due to additional support, flexibility, and interaction .

4.6 Future Scope of AI Chatbots in Education

The use of AI chatbots in education is likely to evolve as artificial intelligence technology advances. Future chatbots may deliver more personalized and interactive learning support tailored to students' individual needs and learning progress.

AI chatbots might also become more integrated with online learning platforms and educational systems. They could assist students with personalized study plans, practice activities, feedback, and access to learning resources.

For teachers, future advancements may enhance support for lesson preparation, assessment, and routine educational tasks. This could decrease repetitive work and allow teachers to focus more on guiding students and classroom activities.

At the same time, future use of AI chatbots will need greater focus on accuracy, privacy, academic integrity, and responsible use. Clear guidelines and human oversight will remain crucial to ensure effective use of these technologies.

Overall, AI chatbots have significant potential to serve as useful support tools in education. Their future role will depend on technological progress and the responsible way they are integrated into teaching and learning.

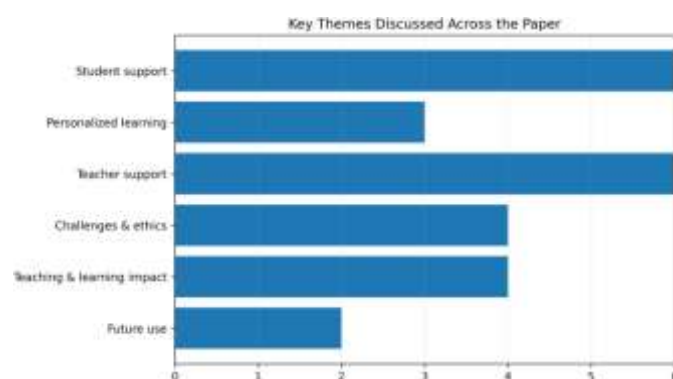


Fig. 1. Key Themes Discussed Across the Paper

5.CONCLUSIONS

AI chatbots can be an efficient tool to use for educational purposes. They may assist students in answering questions, clarifying doubts, revising topics, receiving feedback, etc. In addition, they can help teachers with performing some routine tasks such as creating questions and materials for learning. All mentioned points indicate that chatbots can be very useful in the learning process.

Nevertheless, there are also certain advantages and disadvantages of using chatbots in education. There are various issues connected with the usage of artificial intelligence in education: misleading information, over-dependence on the technology, privacy and security of data, violation of academic integrity, and inequality in the availability of appropriate technologies among students. In addition, over-dependence on chatbots can harm the process of developing independent thinking skills and problem-solving skills in students. Therefore, the implementation of AI chatbots should be used reasonably in education.

Overall, the use of AI chatbots in education may be useful for students and teachers as they have many beneficial features and can support the existing educational process. However, these technologies are not a replacement for teachers. The effective use of chatbots requires adequate guidance from educators, human supervision, responsible use of the tools, and correct integration into the educational process. With the development of technology, further research is needed in order to find out how to use these tools efficiently while avoiding their limitations.

AI chatbots can also be useful for revision and practicing according to students' own schedule and pace. At the same time, it is important to remember about the necessity of using this tool under the guidance of a teacher who can check answers or give more information.

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